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Applicant FLOORING INDUSTRIES LTD		

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☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 B32B27/18 C08K5/098 E04F15/02

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	DE 101 15 567 C (KRONOTEC AG LUZERN) 14 August 2002 (2002-08-14) cited in the application Floor panel of wood-based material, decorative layer and overlay. Polymeric antistatic layer applied to (underneath of) decorative layer. the whole document ----- -/--	1,2,14, 20-22, 25,26,28

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X	US 4 724 187 A (SIMON ALICE M ET AL) 9 February 1988 (1988-02-09) Flooring laminate comprising substrate comprising multiple resin-impregnated paper layers with decorative layer and overlay superposed. High pressure. Ionic salt to improve static discharge. column 2, line 38 - line 63 column 3, line 29 - column 4, line 23 examples 1-4	1-17, 19, 21-23, 25, 26, 29
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